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June 11, 2008

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1594 West North Temple
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SUBJECT: TME Asphalt Ridge Mine No. 1 MO470089
Project No. 08-9325

Dear Ms. Heppler:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) has reviewed this proposal for the expansion of the Asphalt Ridge Mine in Uintah County. State agencies comment as follows:

Division of Air Quality

This proposal is subject to Utah Air Quality Rule R307-205-7, Mining Activities, since fugitive dust emissions will be generated during mining activities. A permit, known as an Approval Order, is not required solely for the control of fugitive dust, but steps need to be taken to minimize fugitive dust, such as watering and/or chemical stabilization, providing vegetative or synthetic cover or windbreaks. If any on-site crushing of stone occurs with this project, then a permit application, known as a Notice of Intent, should be submitted to the Executive Secretary at the Utah Division of Air Quality at 150 North, 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, according to R307-401: Permits, Notice of Intent and Approval Order, of the Utah Air Quality Rules. A copy of the rules may be found at:

www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r307/r307.htm

Utah Geological Survey


Although there are no paleontological localities recorded in our files for this project area, the Eocene Uinta and Duchesne River Formations and the Cretaceous Mesaverde Group that are

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exposed throughout this project area have the potential for yielding significant vertebrate fossil localities. The Office of the State Paleontologist therefore recommends a paleontological survey be conducted for this project and its easements by a paleontologist with a valid permit.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, Public Lands Section, at the above address, or call the Director, Jonathan G. Jemming, at (801) 537-9023, or Carolyn Wright at (801) 537-9230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Harja".

John Harja
Director